

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL YOUNG AUTHORS COMPETITION

Sister Cities International is announcing its annual youth Young Authors Showcase. This literary competition challenges secondary school students to create a personal essay or poem based on a specific theme. The Young Authors Showcase gives students the opportunity to express their ideas of global citizenship, cross-cultural communication, and global issues through the written word.

2012 Showcase: Youth as a Catalyst for Change

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YOUNG AUTHORS SHOWCASE ENTRY FORM 2012

DEADLINE: APRIL 23RD, 2012

Please print clearly and enclose this form with your submission.

Author Information

Author's Name _____ Birth Date _____
(MM/DD/YY)

Mailing Address (Street Number and Name) _____

Mailing Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

School _____ Title of Piece _____

Category (Check One)

☐ Essay ☐ Poetry

Author's Waiver

By submitting this entry, I agree to give Sister Cities International, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications and/or in promotional materials, at the discretion of Sister Cities International. I agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the showcase and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the showcase organizers.

Date _____ Signature of Author _____

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Send Email Entries and Form to:

kays@lexingtonky.gov

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"Youth as a Catalyst for Change"
4th ANNUAL YOUNG AUTHORS SHOWCASE
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
DEADLINE: April 23rd, 2012

Theme

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Eligibility

- Each participating student author must be between 13 and 18 years of age at the time entries are due on April 23rd.
- All work must be original and inspired by the theme. Entries may not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied from any other source and must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead. Entries not adhering to these guidelines will not be considered.
- Each entry must be sent with a completed official entry form.

Submission Categories

- Personal Essay
- Poetry

Writing Criteria and Specifications

- Participants are encouraged to creatively express the theme.
- Essays are not to exceed 750 words, and poetry is not to exceed 40 lines.

Judging

A panel of judges will evaluate entries on the basis of theme interpretation, composition, scholarship, and originality. During the judging, authors' names are kept confidential.

Awards

- **1st Place Personal Essay - \$1,000**
- **1st Place Poem - \$1,000**

- Winners also receive complimentary registration to the Sister Cities International Annual Youth Leadership Conference and displayed at the Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL.
- Winning pieces will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

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or

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